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To Chairs Tokuda and Ige and the Committees:

Good afternoon Chair Ige and Committee. I am Rev. Tasha Kama of FACE Maui and I am pleased to submit my testimony today in strong support of HB1457HD1 proposedSD1, the Dream Act.

As the Aloha State, it is our responsibility to aloha our immigrant friends and neighbors and provide them the same opportunity for education as we provide our own children so that immigrants, too, have the chance to contribute to this society of aloha.

On behalf of FACE Maui, I want to thank you for considering this important bill. As you may know, twelve other states have already passed similar Dream Act legislation. Please help add our wonderful state of Hawaii to this growing list of states that respect all of our children who want a better future.

Mahalo.

Rev. Tasha Kama

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